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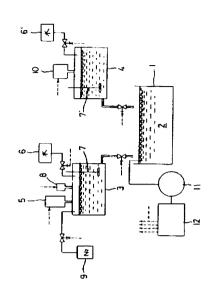
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TITLE : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

REPLENISHING METALLIC

COMPONENT TO PLATING BATH



ABSTRACT :

PURPOSE: To maintain the specified concn. of  $Sn^{2+}$  in an aq.  $SnSO_4$  soln. for a long period of time by replenishing  $FeSO_4$  to a replenishing tank contg. the aq.  $SnSO_4$  for replenishing  $Sn^{2+}$  to a bronze plating bath or filling an inert gas therein.

CONSTITUTION:  $\rm Sn^{2+}$  ions and  $\rm Cu^{2+}$  ions are replenished from replenishing tanks 3, 4 into the plating bath 2 consisting of a sulfuric acid bath in a bronze plating tank 1 to execute bronze plating.  $\rm SnSO_4$  powder 5 and water 6 are supplied to the tank 3 and are stored therein the form of the aq.  $\rm SnSO_4$  soln. in the above-mentioned method. The aq.  $\rm SnSO_4$  soln. is continuously or intermittently replenished to the plating bath 2 while the  $\rm FeSO_4$  powder is continuously or intermittently replenished to the sq.  $\rm SnSO_4$  soln. from an adding device 8 or while the inert gas such as  $\rm N_2$  supplied from an inert gas supply device 9 is filled into the tank 3. The oxidation of  $\rm SnSO_4$  during the storage is thereby prevented and the specified concn. thereof is maintained, by which the stable plating is made possible.

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